

20 City Neighborhood Associations Get Neighborhood Partners Fund Grants to Improve Their Communities

From West Las Vegas to the northwest, fiscal year 2002's Neighborhood Partners Fund (NPF) program will fund 9 neighborhood beautification projects, 5 communication and capacity-building projects to help neighborhoods become stronger, 2 projects that orient youth to science, and 2 safety and security projects. Two Downtown neighborhoods will get a boost with a Halloween Safe Night for youth and a Gateway Arts Fair to be held at the Charleston and Main Street area. The selected projects provide real benefits to neighborhoods and help increase interaction between residents, businesses, and their local government.

For the past three years, the NPF matching grant program has helped city neighborhoods preserve their quality of life by offering up to \$5,000 grants to registered neighborhoods. With \$75,000 available annually, registered neighborhoods are invited each year to apply for funding to implement community improvement projects. The NPF program provides a venue by which residents can work together to find solutions for important neighborhood issues and turn their visions into reality. Since 1998, 45 neighborhood projects have received \$200,000 in grants, which has leveraged over \$428,000 in volunteer labor, cash, and professional services for this funding.

Before any funding is awarded, residents must first submit an application and later make a 15-minute presentation to the NPF Review Board. Seven staff members from the offices of the Mayor and Council and six citizen-Ward representatives are appointed each year to review and evaluate all applications packages. These Board members volunteer their time to identify worthwhile projects for the community. This year's citizen representatives on the Board include Don Egbert, Mary Huntington, Earl White, Chairperson Tony Bruges, and Vice Chairperson Tyrone Thompson. Their recommendations for funding were approved by City Council on July 5. We thank the Board for a job well done.

The following neighborhood associations will receive grant funding for special community projects for fiscal year 2002. Kudos to neighborhood volunteers for their leadership and resolve in building stronger neighborhoods in the City of Las Vegas.

- ◆ Bonanza Village –Entryway Enhancement
- ◆ Copper Crest –Neighborhood Beautification
- ◆ Crestwood –Neighborhood Communications
- ◆ Downtown Central Development Committee—Downtown Halloween Safe Night
- ◆ Fremont Villas—Doctor for A Day
- ◆ Gateway Arts—Gateway Arts and Music Experience Event
- ◆ Granite Avenue—Entryway Enhancement
- ◆ John S. Park—Neighborhood Rock Sign

- ◆ Lake Pacific Townhomes—Neighborhood Safety and Beautification
- ◆ Marble Gorge—Neighborhood Improvement
- ◆ Marycrest Morningview—Entryway Beautification
- ◆ Meadows Neighborhood Preservation—Neighborhood Beautification
- ◆ Northwest Network—Neighborhood Communications
- ◆ Pennwood Arville—Youth Science Workshop/Science and Health Fair
- ◆ Robert Gordon—Safety and Enhancement
- ◆ Summerlin Improvement Committee—Desert Garden at Palo Verde High School
- ◆ Sycamore Heights—Entryway Beautification
- ◆ The Center—Computer Lab
- ◆ West Circle—Neighborhood Communications
- ◆ West LV Executive Board—Communications and Capacity Building

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